The Cochin Sea Customs Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

4. Publication of Text Books by Government.

***Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** (*Cranganur*): Mr. President Sir, I crave the kind indulgence of the Hon'ble House to accept the following resolution "*This Council recommends to the Government to be so good as to fully work out their own Proceedings passed about 10 years ago, in 1104, to the effect, "The present mode of selection of text-books from private presses and publishers gives rise to unhappy situations, while the proper remedy would seem to be the publication of books by the Government itself. The Travancore Government are already doing it. There will be no objection here also .....*"

I do not think Sir, that a long explanation is due from me on this self-evident proposition. The resolution only requests that the Government must give effect to their own Proceedings passed about 10 years ago. This matter has been repeated in this House *ad naesium*, and the principle underlying it has been accepted by the House by passing identical resolutions several times of which some have even been accepted by the Government. The matter has further received a consummating acceptance by the kind assurance on the part of the Hon'ble Diwan President in the Budget Session of 1112 when he maintained that it is the intention of the Government to fully work out the proposition. Under these circumstances, Sir, I believe the Government will accept this resolution which is intended only to expedite matters.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Sir, I have very great pleasure in seconding this resolution. The first idea which arises in my mind when I rise to second this resolution is the necessity for giving books at the cheapest rates especially to the elementary classes. Statistics show us, Sir, that there are about a lakh and seventy-three thousand pupils now in the

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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